

A. P. CALLS 1922 GREATEST
YEAR OF NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT.

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unanimously to revive the two factions which have been divided for several years and to expect that 1923 will be important results in this respect.

Colored America in religious at least but not as much in fact as the days of the late Mr. T. J. Davis, president of the American Baptist conference, who has not kept up in religious progress with the needs of the people, and there are so many evidences of American religious hypocrisy that many people remain away from denominational influences and worship within their homes. Nevertheless, there never was a time when the history of the race showed the church was more prosperous or achieved better results. Colored America is adding work to faith and it is producing astounding results. Colored America is adding work to faith and it is producing astounding results.

EDUCATION

The Better White South, where the masses of Colored America live, is taking a lively interest at present in education. School buildings are being enlarged and renewed; terms are being lengthened and teachers are being better paid. It is progress, but it is not enough. It is still the theory in most places of the South that Colored America should have only a circumvented education that high schools and colleges, regardless of taxation requirements, are only for white youths. Gradually the convincing justice of an educational system regardless of color, is dawning upon the South, and there are outspoken advocates for larger opportunities who are listened to with respect, and the blatant mouthings of destructionists are falling on deaf ears.

The colleges and universities conducted by and for Colored America are all crowded beyond capacity. There is a first knowledge that both gratifies and amazes. The situation is remarkable in the face of the everyday fight for recognition in the world's work, but it goes, the battle with books, and every year sees an increased number of graduates from all the schools. Northern colleges and universities, where students usually are admitted solely on merit, continue to have large quotas of students from the group. Howard College, where for years the outstanding principle has been educational equality, has had recent figures of seemingly changed conditions, but it is proclaimed by those with authority to know, that at heart, Howard maintains its illustrious traditions.

Howard University, in the District of Columbia, and Lincoln University, in Pennsylvania, have recently been admitted into the select circle of American schools of higher learning, where graduates from these institutions have the same standing for post graduate work as those coming from any other American college. This is notable educational advancement.

COMMERCIAL PROGRESS AND BUSINESS

Colored America has taken to the field of business with a relish that brings inspiration and cheer. Banking, Insurance, Manufacturing, Real Estate, General Merchandising, and indeed, contact with Wall Street itself, are among the present achievements of Colored America—fact and over-coming the depressing obstacles of 1922—that bids fair to turn up side down the theories that in the promotion of commercial enterprises the race has woeful limitations. Present achievements in these important fields prove to the world that the limitations have been the result of studied handicaps. Colored America has been held back from the opportunity of getting commercial knowledge and contacts. But the opportunities and needs have become so great within the race itself, that through the force of circumstances alone, these lines have been developed to a most surprising extent in the last year. With all the results to date, the fields are yet virgin soil; they have been barely tapped, so to speak. Confidence, more general co-operation, vision and hard work will produce results in the future that will be most gratifying. Aside from the standard professions, the commercial field is making the big openings for the college bred man and woman. With 15,000,000 people to supply with all of the necessities of life, and administer to their welfare and happiness in the multitude of ways afforded by commercial progress, at once produces a picture for the imagination that stirs the soul to action.

AMUSEMENTS

To the field of amusements and popular entertainment, Colored America has had a banner year. Not only has there been a great wave of popular approval from the public and press but more than ever before there has been financial success. "Shuffle Along," a musical comedy, with Miller and Lyles, Sisale and Blake as the stars, and Lottie Gee as the feminine star, played for a year and a quarter on Broadway, New York, following with several months in Boston, and a long string at present in Detroit. "Shuffle Along," a musical comedy, with Miller and Lyles, Sisale and Blake as the stars, and Lottie Gee as the feminine star, played for a year and a quarter on Broadway, New York, following with several months in Boston, and a long string at present in Detroit. "Shuffle Along," a musical comedy, with Miller and Lyles, Sisale and Blake as the stars, and Lottie Gee as the feminine star, played for a year and a quarter on Broadway, New York, following with several months in Boston, and a long string at present in Detroit.

Photographic Reproduction has of late been a very important factor in the life of Colored America. It is no longer a state that much of this development in this field has been due to the marvelous success of the Pace Photographic Company of New York, headed by Harry H. Pace, a business executive of envied ability. Pace paved the way with such rapidity and skill in producing pictures that they are now being taken by Colored America's people in no way second to those taken by white men.

In the music and concert field, Colored America has made a move to

hold; there is splendid forging ahead. In many of the metropolitan cities, Colored American orchestras furnish the finest music. Concert singers are being presented with elaborate acclamations among the people of both races in all sections of the country. The Howard Players of Howard University, Washington, D. C., are successfully affording a serious opportunity to advance in the drama under the direction of Prof. Gregory.

J. A. Jackson of the editorial staff of the Billboard and The Associated Negro Press has a most complete review of music, sent progress in the Christmas number of the Billboard. Madam E. Azalia Hackley, of Detroit and Philadelphia, who has been called to her reward as this survey is being prepared, will go down in history as foremost in pressing "Negro Spirituals," and producing inspirational pageants showing the progress of Colored America. A woman of rare ability as a vocalist and pianist, as well as teacher, Madam Hackley devoted her life to developing race pride in musical resources and possibilities.

Deet Williams, who reared a unique place in the history of American entertainment, whose death is recorded this year, will long be remembered for his quaint humor and his ability to "trouble trouble when trouble troubles you."

Fairs, produced by corporations controlled by Colored America in many sections of the South, in which the progress along agricultural and industrial lines is well shown, have reached a new standard. Practically all of them are now money-makers, afford recreation, and are of educational value to both races.

SPORTS

In the field of Sports Colored America has always been an important factor, when given opportunity; when denied opportunity, they have made it for themselves. The year's efforts demonstrate that the belief prevails that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." All of the various sports with baseball and covering all the various lines down to tennis, golf, and basketball, prize-fighting and the "Sport of Kings" Colored America has taken part and observed. Bessie Coleman, of Chicago, returned to the States from Europe where she perfected as a pilot, and gained commendable recognition as an aviator. The National Negro Baseball League, of which Andrew Rube Foster of Chicago is the organizer and President, closed a pennant-win-

ning year and has completed a program for 1923. Colored America is reaching the recreational stage of life, is promoting and developing summer and winter resorts: Idlewild in Michigan, and a splendid Country Club in New Jersey, near Newark, where golf links are available; Arundel, on Chesapeake Bay and Buckroe Beach, in Virginia are among the notable places of recreation and rest. The most famous football game of the year for Colored America is the "Football Classic of the Year" between Howard and Lincoln Universities, alternating between Philadelphia and Washington. This year in Washington, where the game was played in American League Park, more than 25,000 people from all parts of the country, representing the best standard of Colored American progress and success, witnessed the event. Social activities before and after the game furnished a damasky rebuke to the mouthings of demagogues that Colored America is clamoring for "Social Equality."—in the sense of social intimacy without invitation and of mingling with refreshing pleasure the high social development contrary notwithstanding.

Urban Influences. It must be noted that the activities of Colored America are influenced by initiative and results. A number of communities throughout the country. While the chief influencing centers upon the group as a whole are in large cities, speaking nationally, however, smaller centers have demonstrated their ability to attract attention on their achievements, and from them emanate the teaching activities that produce lasting results and helpfulness. Nationwide attention in the first instance is constantly focused on Chicago, New York and Washington, in the order named. Chicago is noted for its economic enterprise and civic freedom; New York for its cosmopolitan contrasts and Washington for its closeness to the seat of government. Then follow Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore in the East; Richmond, Va., Norfolk, Durham, N. C.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Savannah, Ga.; Atlanta, Ga.; Tuskegee Institute, Ma.; Nashville, Tenn.; New Orleans, La.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Cleveland, Ohio; Detroit, Michigan; St. Louis, Mo.; Little Rock, Ark.; Louisville, Ky.; Kansas City, Mo.; Tulsa, Okla.; Muskogee, Okla.; Los Angeles, Cal.; Portland, Ore.; Seattle, Wash.; Dallas, Texas; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Memphis, Tenn.; Denver, Colo.; and many other cities not named above, of course, in the order of the importance of influence, but each, in a major way contributing help and significant efforts towards the advancement of Colored America.

CIVIC

Organization is the new Watchword of Colored America. Organization has always been an important factor in the life of the people, but it is becoming more and more practical, efficient and systematic; it is working with vision and understanding. Organization is a master enemy of prejudice, and forgets its way to just recognition. Various bodies that have for a number of years left their impress on the life of the people, continue to serve their needs and afford inspiration to guide their ways. These organizations, civic, professional, fraternal, cooperative and national, are working more and more in harmony with the fundamental faith that actuates all efforts—OPPORTUNITY AND JUSTICE FOR COLORED AMERICA. The opportunities desired are not circumscribed, as some would press; the opportunities desired are merely the inborn impulses of humanity; the eternal aspirations of the soul. Encouraged by justice, they contribute nobly to the sum total of human welfare and happiness. They look to the achievement, and not to the class; Colored America trembles with regret when American color prejudice denies the right and privilege to rise, reflecting upon their loyalty to the patriotic appeals of America from the burning of the republic they are stung to the quick—but not dismayed by the studied insults and obstacles of hatred piled in the path of progress and success. But can they not achieve and achieve, getting a stronger hold year by year. Among them are:

The National Negro Business League.
The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs.
The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
The National Urban League.
The National Medical Association.
The Universal Negro Improvement Association.
The Young Men's Christian Association.
The Young Women's Christian Association.
The Secret Order Fraternities.
The Greek Letter College Fraternities and Sororities.
The Religious Societies.

A Central Executive Council of all of these various divisions of advanced effort has been proposed. Such a council of plans is in embryo. By laying aside petty jealousies of envy

leadership, and eliminating the spirit of selfishness for the benefit of the good of the whole people, a combined program of Colored American advancement under the intelligent direction of a Central Executive Council, will be the greatest constructive step possible. With the willing co-operation of the newspapers, it will afford a most tremendous impetus to human progress; it will knock down the bars of prejudice and open wide the Doors of Opportunity; it will be the universal radio of delicate comprehension and understanding; stay the hand of unwarranted radicalism that now approaches a dangerous stage, and command the respect and consideration of patriotic Whites America to whom in the last analysis, Colored America must turn for the realization of the "substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

FINALLY

Colored America Faces the Future, Demanding a Place in the Sun. The achievements of the past are but a foretaste of the glories that are to come. There are those in places of power today in the national life of America who are standing on dead men's bones. They flout their destructive views and scatter their seeds of dissension with wavering hands and cynical smiles; they create a discord of tyranny in the symphony of human happiness, but their day of elimination is fast approaching; the black sun of their polluted hate is doomed to early setting.

Colored America faces the future, covering the face with shame upon the deeds of injustice and humanity; pointing with pride to the achievements for the good of all, in the sorry midst of handicaps and unwarranted oppression. The year of 1922 goes down in history as one of achievement extraordinary for Colored America; the record is made, and the die is cast; even in God cannot change the past. To Colored America everywhere The Associated Negro Press extends greetings and urges Faith, but with it Work, tireless, unceasing, victorious Work! "Labor Conquers all Things"—and has its own Reward!

GIRL FAILS TO SAY
"DISTER"; IS ABUSED

Colored Citizens Aroused Over Mistreatment of Girl; Demanded Investigation.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 30.—Violence their protest against the mistreatment of pretty Bertha Lawson, fifty

colored citizens of this city have issued a statement, demanding a city Council investigation.

According to the statement, Miss Lawson, in company with her mother, went to the municipal building early this month to pay their taxes.

Inquiring of Judge Beverly Berkley as to the location of the Collector's office, Miss Lawson failed to use the word "Mister" in mentioning the name Davis.

After being sharply rebuked, the honorable judge is alleged to have ordered the girl out of the office at once, with the added threat that if she did not get out at once he would kick her out.

Not satisfied with this, the Judge had the girl arrested, and she was compelled to pay a fine of five dollars.

Indignant over the action, colored citizens, feeling that they have been outraged and humiliated, demand a thorough investigation.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY TO GIVE
COURSES IN NEGRO HISTORY.

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This course is a continuation of History 12. It aims to give a general acquaintance with the Negro civilizations in the Egyptian Sudan and Abyssinia from the Ethiopian conquest of Egypt in the eighth century B. C. until the coming of Western European influence in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Special attention will be given to the origin and development of the distinctive features of the civilizations of these countries before the coming of Christianity, and the effect of Christianity, and Islam respectively upon their subsequent history.

History 14: Negro Civilizations in West Central Africa from A. D. 1000 to the End of the Eighteenth Century. This course will be a survey of the political and cultural conditions in the three great Negro states of the Western Sudan the Kingdom of Ghana, The Mellethia, and The Songhay Empire from about the year 1000 A. D. until the end of the eighteenth century. Special attention will be given (a) to the distinctive character of the social institutions and material culture of these countries previous to the coming of Islam; (b) the influence of Islam upon these institutions and the culture; and (c) the effect direct and indirect of Western Civilization upon the civilizations of this part

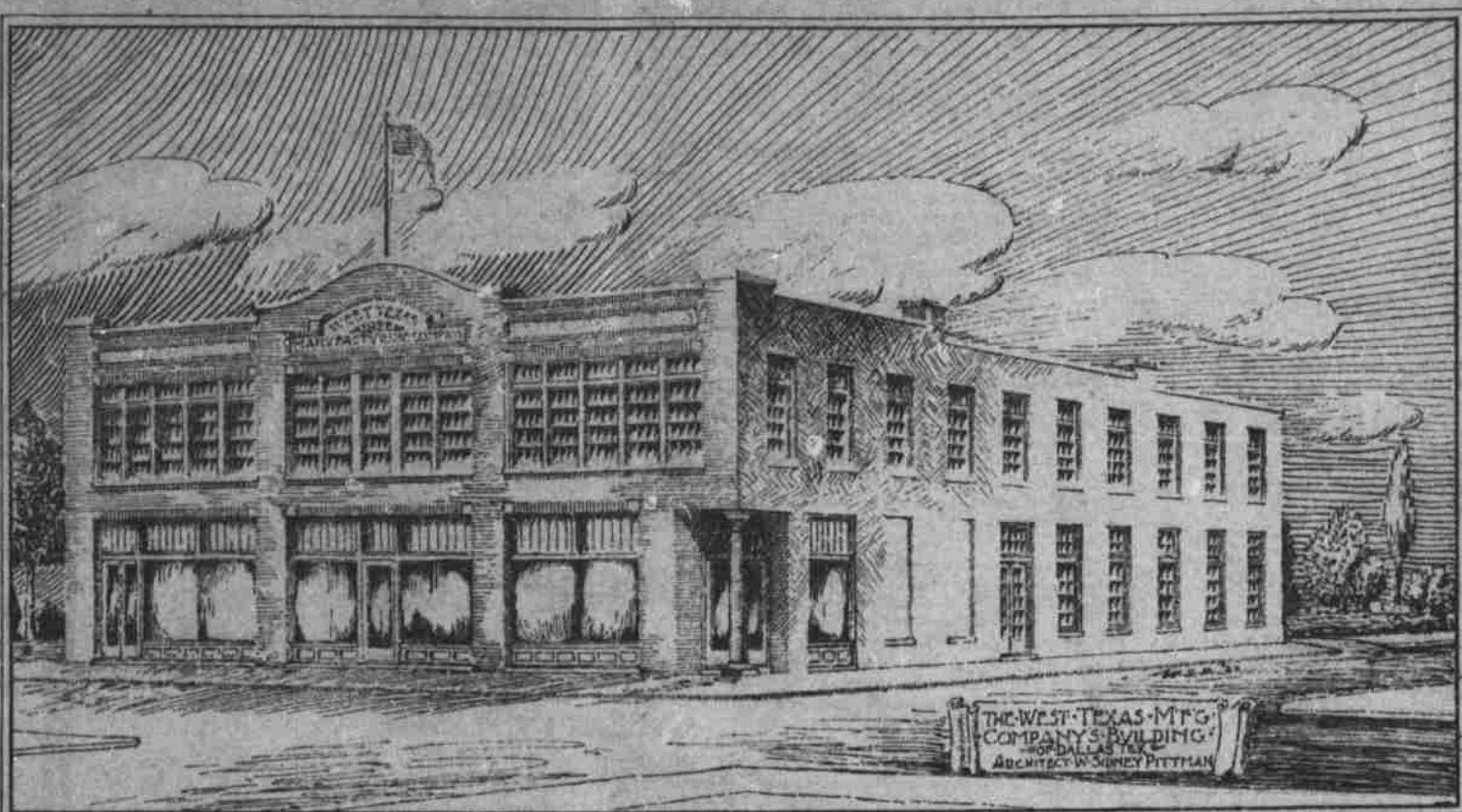
of Africa. In addition, the cultural status of the Negro Peoples of these countries during this period will be critically compared with that of their contemporaries in the Teutonic countries of Europe.

As a result of archaeological discoveries and ethnological studies in various parts of the world and especially in Africa there is coming about a remarkable change of opinion in many circles regarding the part played by Negro Peoples in the great civilizations of the past. From year to year evidence continues to accumulate which seems to show that the earliest cultures and civilizations of Egypt, Southern Europe and Western Asia were to a great extent the products of Negro and Negroid peoples. In addition to this it now seems certain, as has been intimated in the courses outlined, that until comparatively recent times the Negro Peoples of Central Africa maintained civilizations of their own which may be favorably compared with some of the better known civilizations of the world, and especially so with the cultures of their contemporaries in England and Germany.

So far as it has been possible to ascertain, there are but very few schools in America or the world that are making at present time any noticeable effort to disseminate facts of this nature. This may be due in part to the inertia resulting from the traditional feeling as to the inexpediency of popularizing such information but there is no doubt that the difficulty of access to adequate source materials and the lack of trained teachers for such studies are also largely responsible for this condition. The authorities of Howard University, in keeping with their determination to make the institution an agency for genuine social good, have under advisement plans for looking forward to the elimination of these difficulties in the near future; the effort outlined above being but the initial step in this direction. It is believed that, in formulating a program of this kind the University can do much to clear up many of the misconceptions about Negro peoples of the world well by facilitating understanding and mutual respect among black men and white, thereby preparing the way for a closer national unity and a wider and more genuine international good will.

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